

Together for Kids & Families Goals & Strategies

TFKF Goals			
Early care and education in Nebraska is high quality, developmentally appropriate and accessible to all children.	All Nebraska children have access to a dental/medical home, and receive high quality health services.	The early childhood social, emotional and behavioral health needs of Nebraska's children are met.	Nebraska families support their children's optimal development by providing safe, healthy & nurturing environments.
Infrastructure Building Through Development of a Network of Child Care Health Consultants*			
Access to Medical Homes and Health Insurance Through Early Care and Education Providers*			
Quality Through Standards*	* Healthy Child Care America (HCCA)		03-28-2011
TFKF Strategies ¹			
<u>Dental/Medical Home</u> <u>Head Start-State Collaboration Office (HSSCO) Priority Areas: Health, Community Services</u>			
1. Implement and sustain the dental/medical home as a standard of care.			
2. Establish the infrastructure to support a comprehensive system promoting access to oral health services including preventive oral health care.			
<u>Parent Education/Family Support</u> <u>HSSCO Priority Areas: Community Services, Children with Disabilities, Child Care, Welfare, Child Welfare, Homelessness</u>			
3. Promote and support evidence-based home visitation services for families with young children.			
4. Promote integration of parent-to-parent peer support systems, when appropriate, into programs and services for families.			
5. Increase access to respite services to meet the needs of families.			
6. Coordinate statewide systems for sharing comprehensive information with families.			
<u>Early Care & Education</u> <u>HSSCO Priority Areas: Education, Professional Development, Family Literacy, Homelessness</u>			
7. Through a mixed delivery system, provide access to voluntary, high quality, early childhood education and care programs and services that meet the needs of all young children and their families.			
8. Develop and refine a system of support to improve the quality and effectiveness of early childhood education and care programs and services.			
<u>Child Care Health Consultation</u> <u>HSSCO Priority Areas: Child Care, Homelessness, Welfare, Child Welfare</u>			
9. Develop early childhood health & safety communication network(s).			
10. Disseminate data-driven and evidence-based training and material resources to improve health and safety in child care.			
<u>Mental Health</u> <u>HSSCO Priority Areas: Health, Community Services, Education, Professional Development, Child Welfare</u>			
11. Assist communities to develop/enhance an effective system of care to support the social, emotional and behavioral health needs of Nebraska's young children.			
12. Build the capacity of individuals who interact with young children to support social, emotional and behavioral health.			

¹ Currently Federal HSSCO priorities are under revision.